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Mabire language

Mabire is a critically endangered Afro-Asiatic language spoken in Oulek village in Chad.[1]

Mabire	
Native to	Chad
Region	Guéra Province
Native speakers	3 (2001)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Chadic ▪ East Chadic ▪ East Chadic B ▪ Dangla (B.1.1) ▪ **Mabire**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`muj`
Glottolog	`mabi1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mabi1242)`[2]

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Speakers

As of a report published in 2001, there were three living speakers of Mabire,[3] two of whom were an elderly brother and sister, named Terab and Balha, living in Oulek. The third speaker, Souleymane Dabanga, was the chief of the Mabire and lived in Katch.[4]

Classification

The Mabire language belongs to the Dangla group of Eastern Chadic, along with Dangaleat (Dangla) and Migaama (Migama).[5]

Decline

Fifty years ago, the Mabire lived in four large villages near Mount Mabire. These villages were Amdjaména, Arga, Mambire. The community disbanded following an epidemic, with the survivors assimilating into neighboring speech communities.[6]

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- Mabire Profile at the Endangered Languages Project (http://www.endangeredlanguages.com/lang/3626)

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